



Wilton '82

INVENTORY, 1881.

No. of Polls, 395, value,	\$39,500 00
“ “ Horses, 273, “	18,555 00
“ “ Mules, 2, “	100 00
“ “ Oxen, 98, “	4,755 00
“ “ Cows, 995, “ and other neat stock,	23,713 00
“ “ Sheep, 115, “	451 00
“ “ Hogs, 145, “	1,980 00
“ “ Carriages, 23, “	1,850 00
Improved and unimproved lands, value,	619,915 00
Public Funds, “	18,130 00
Stocks in State, “	10,640 00
Stocks out of State, “	1,500 00
On hand or at Interest, “	67,520 00
Stock in Trade, “	33,560 00
Mills, “	4,900 00
Dogs, 76, Tax,	81 00
Amount of Tax committed to Collector,	\$17,264 52
“ “ Interest collected,	34 48
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	\$17,299 00
Receipts from Town Treasurer,	\$17,299 00

ESTIMATES FOR 1882.

For State Tax,	\$2,312 00
“ County “	1,763 75
“ School Money, including literary fund,	2,500 00
“ Fire Department,	300 00
“ Cemeteries,	150 00
“ Road Scraper,	200 00
“ Town, County and State,	5,320 00
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	\$8,470 00

A tax of one dollar on one hundred dollars will raise the amount of money for the above estimates, based on the valuation of 1881.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

	Summer Term.	Winter Term.
District No. 1,	\$101 31	\$204 46
“ “ 2,	50 21	105 04
“ “ 3,	38 19	77 80
“ “ 4,	400 16	822 04
“ “ 5,	39 88	72 86
“ “ 6,	37 31	77 62
“ “ 7,	35 90	60 52
“ “ 8,	47 16	77 04
“ “ 9,	67 43	138 66
“ “ 10,	20 00	27 04
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	\$837 55	\$1,663 08
		837 55
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Total amount for Schools,		\$2,500 63

BREAKING ROADS—WINTER OF 1880-81.

Levi Putnam,	\$9 00
S. H. Dunbar,	7 49
J. P. Chandler,	22 24
Isaac P. Abbott,	29 43
Geo. D. May,	44 14
Wm. A. Lakin,	77 40
A. A. Clark,	14 62
Gardner Blanchard,	22 90
H. W. Frye,	14 49

Chas. Forsaith,	36 23
J. W. Stiles,	38 73
John Baldwin,	32 75
Lorenzo Gray,	46 04
L. W. Perham,	3 84
Geo. H. Keyes,	24 86
John B. Hickey,	11 57
Michael McCarty,	2 25
J. R. Sheldon,	5 50
Ed Ryan, (old bill)	1 50
Jacob Putnam,	15 53
G. A. Davidson,	40 85
H. Wilkinson,	1 88
A. H. Gage,	1 90
Pierce "	8 87
Joel Perham,	20 30
Rodney "	5 62
S. J. Sheldon,	28 12
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	\$568 05

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

J. W. Stiles,	\$21 30
John B. Hickey,	26 35
Geo. B. Preble,	18 00
J. P. Chandler,	7 00
J. H. Frye,	23 00
Joel Perham,	7 00
L. W. "	8 25
H. F. Frye,	5 00
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	\$115 90

REPAIR OF BRIDGES.

S. J. Sheldon,	\$5 52
J. & H. H. Livermore,	77 39

J. P. Chandler,	9 45	
D. Whiting & Sons,	6 34	
D. E. Proctor,	2 84	
C. H. Lewis, planking bridge,	15 75	
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OVER TAX AND ABATEMENTS.

A. H. Smith, overtax,	\$1 00	
David Scanlon, "	2 00	
Andrew N. Burton, paid in Mass.,	2 00	
Harry Shattuck, overtax,	2 00	
Ed. " "	3 00	
Daniel Warner, " (poll)	2 00	
C. B. & E. P. Dascomb, overtax,	4 00	
Geo. Warner, "	2 00	
H. W. Gray, paid in Mass.,	2 00	
C. H. Burns, overtax for J. M. Bartlett,	24 00	
J. W. Curtis, abated,	13 00	
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WATERING TROUGHS.

H. N. Gray,	\$3 00	
H. & J. E. Gray,	3 00	
Hermon Hopkins,	3 00	
Mrs. James Smith, "	3 00	
Geo. W. Boynton,	3 00	
Levi Putnam,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$18 00

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

District No. 1,	\$110 00	
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Henry Russell, drawing engine,	\$4 00
James L. Hardy, for Engine Co. No. 1,	126 00
Chas. Hesselton, " " " " 2,	84 00
N. P. Farrar, roofing engine house No. 2,	52 58
J. H. Frye, transporting engine to fire,	6 00
S. N. Center & Son, Alcohol,	2 80
J. P. Chandler, steward Engine Co. No. 2,	11 00
H. W. Hopkins, " " " " "	12 50
F. W. Ordway, drawing engine to fire,	5 00
D. Whiting & Sons, supplies,	11 14
D. E. Proctor, " "	18 13
G. W. Wallace, engine supplies,	9 68
" " " alcohol,	1 60
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	\$344 43

TOWN OFFICERS.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Lincoln, supts. school com.	\$75 00
Wm. D. Stearns, clerk,	50 00
S. Blanchard, police services,	15 00
Michael Kennedy, "	15 00
C. B. Burt, (heirs) "	9 00
Geo. W. Boynton, services supervisor,	4 00
M. P. Stanton, " "	4 00
J. F. Frye, " "	4 00
G. W. Wallace, " treasurer,	50 00
John A. McGregor, " selectman,	
bridge committee and cash paid out,	125 00
Geo. H. Keyes, services selectman,	
bridge committee and cash paid,	125 00
Calvin H. Lewis, services selectman, bridge	
committee, overseer poor, cash paid,	125 00
A. A. Ramsey, collector,	120 00
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	\$721 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

E. B. Center, printing town and school reports,	\$29 05
M. V. B. Greene, stationery,	4 92
Temple & Farrington, blank books,	14 05
John O'Donnell, lighting street lamps,	10 00
Geo. A. Carter, street lamp supplies,	5 94
S. K. Foster, oil can,	50
A. E. Jaques, stationery, &c.,	4 57
Committee on town house supplies,	13 40
N. D. Foster, sealing weights and measures,	9 37
Otis A. Merrill, architect, and surveying for town house,	51 88
Geo. Blood, rent,	10 00
G. W. Hatch, return of births and deaths,	7 75
J. Fleeman, " " " " "	5 75
H. Trevitt, " " " " "	4 50
Geo. A. Tower, " " " " "	2 75
W. H. W. Hinds, " " " " "	25
G. W. Wallace, expenses to Concord,	3 50
D. E. Proctor, rent of hall,	40 00
Wm. D. Stearns, copying,	5 00
A. A. Ramsey, highway receipts,	20 23
" " " overtax and abatements,	30 11
C. H. Burns, services in Wallace case,	16 00
Chas. R. Morrison, services in relation to town house,	10 00
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	\$299 52

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Mrs. E. Hartshorn,	\$90 00
Harriet Gage, for support of Isaac Frye.	105 50
Chas. W. Foster,	11 35
D. W. Ray,	98 13
Rufus Burns,	62 00
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CEMETERY.

Jacob Putnam, mowing cemetery,	\$5 50	
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WATER WORKS.

P. M. Blake, for pipe, hydrants and specials,	\$1,000 00	
G. P. Felt, for rotary force pump,	394 44	
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RECAPITULATION.

For Schools,	\$2,500 63	
Breaking Roads,	568 05	
Repair of Highways,	115 90	
Bridges,	117 29	
Overtax and Abatements,	57 00	
Watering Troughs,	18 00	
School House Tax,	110 00	
Fire Department,	344 43	
Town Officers,	721 00	
Miscellaneous,	299 52	
Support of Poor,	366 98	
Cemetery,	5 50	
Water Works,	1,394 44	
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REMARKS.

The total Bonded debt of the town is \$39,000,00, and bears 6 per cent interest, and is due April 1st, 1890, and April 1st, 1900. The net debt of the town March 1st, 1882, is \$33,608, 40.

The burned district has been nearly re-built, and assumes a very business like appearance.

In closing our official connection with the town, we call the attention of those liable to taxation to the law in relation to Inventories, and hope that all will comply with the requirements and save themselves and the assessors and endless amount of trouble, and also remember that the Doonage tax the past year was \$300,00. In town business, our motto is justice to all, and no special favors for any one.

Respectfully submitted,

From

JOHN A. MCGREGOR,	}	Selectmen of Wilton.
GEORGE H. KEYES,		
CALVIN H. LEWIS,		

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correct, and vouchers have been presented for the amounts paid.

MOSES CLARK,	}	Auditors.
H. A. WHITING,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To cash reported in Treasury March 1, 1881,	\$4,811 64
To cash received of collector in full for 1880,	100 00
To cash received of Elijah Putnam, balance highway tax 1879,	3 75
“ received Selectmen for bridge plank,	50
“ “ Insurance Tax,	11 25
“ “ Railroad “	518 58
“ “ Savings Banks,	1,586 75
“ “ Literary Fund,	133 73
“ “ of town clerk, tax on billiard table,	9 50
“ “ “ W. H. Barnes, for Cemetery lots,	10 00
“ “ “ Selectmen, bridge plank,	2 00
“ “ “ “ bounty on wild beasts,	10 00
“ “ “ collector 1881,	17,299 00
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To cash paid Calvin Carlton, interest,	\$23 61
“ “ Abel Hesselton. “	28 00
“ “ Betsey F. Holt, “	24 00
“ “ Benjamin Hopkins, “	90 00
“ “ Betsey F. Holt, principal and interest,	609 00
“ “ Calvin Carlton, “ and interest,	559 08

" " Abel Hesselton, "	
and interest,	711 67
" " County Tax,	1,763 75
" " State "	2,312 00
" " Benjamin Hopkins, "	
and interest,	3,050 25
" " Interest on bonds,	2,340 00
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	\$11,511 36
To cash paid orders drawn by Selectmen	6,618 74
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	\$18,130 10
Balance in Treasury,	\$6,366,60

Demands Against the Town March 1, 1882.

Bonds, principal and interest,	\$39,975 00
Due Water Works,	605 56
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	\$40,580 56
Deduct amount of available means,	6,366 60
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Net indebtedness March 1, 1882,	\$34,213 96
" " " " 1, 1881,	40,053 72
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Decrease during the year,	\$5,839 76

REPORT OF WATER WORKS.

The town appropriation,	\$2,000 00
To cash paid on order No. 97,	\$1,000 00
" " " " " " 142,	394 44
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	\$1,394 44
Balance due Water Works,	\$605 56

G. W. WALLACE, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing ac-

counts and find them correctly cast, and vouchers have been presented for the amounts paid out.

H. A. WHITING, }
MOSES CLARK, } Auditors.

The auditors would recommend that the surplus funds in the hands of the Treasurer be invested in some safe reliable securities.

MONEY TAX.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Blanchard, Isaac,	\$22 60	Gray, Eddy,	2 00
“ Gardner,	78 72	Hale, T. L.,	6 56
“ Henry N.,	5 00	Holt, Mark,	76 70
Buss, Geo.,	84 20	“ Mrs. Mark,	5 00
“ Ellery C.,	4 00	“ Ralph,	19 20
Boynton, Mrs. O. W.,		“ Henry A.,	42 00
(heirs.)	90 00	Hutchinson, J. H.,	21 50
Baldwin, Luther,	112 00	Kimball, Abigail,	16 00
“ Asa,	2 00	Livermore, J. & H. H.,	71 00
“ John,	32 90	Lovejoy, Moses,	86 20
Blood, Chas. C.,	19 70	Maynard, S. F.,	8 50
Blanchard, Mary R.,	99 00	Newell, Geo. A.,	157 60
“ Lucy K.,	54 00	Parkhurst, Geo.,	40 28
Baldwin, Mrs. Luther,	2 00	Putnam, Amos,	16 00
Carlton, Chas. F.,	25 08	“ Samuel,	2 00
Citizens Hall Co.,	4 00	Pierce, Rachael A.,	40 00
Clifford, R. C.,	52 70	Russell, D. W.,	67 12
Carkin, Albert,	7 30	Stiles, Mrs. Asa,	24 00
Davis, I. K.,	79 00	Spalding, Eliza H.,	50 00
Davison, G. A.,	2 70	White, Chas.,	50 20
“ Chas. M.,	4 00	“ Abby F.,	34 00
Davis, Mary R.,	4 00	Wilson, J. D.,	64 00
Eaton, Mrs. Chas.,	6 00	“ Chas.,	46 30
“ H. C.,	10 50	Whiting, Francis, (heirs)	86 30
Foster, Waldo,	101 80	Williams, John,	1 00
Gray, Lorenzo,	93 00		

DISTRICT No. 2.

Burton, S. & W. A.,	\$103 30	Barrett, Chas. E.,	89 20
“ James,	48 20	Barker, Nathan,	13 50
“ Mrs. James,	4 00	Cragin, Daniel,	96 60
“ Josiah H.,	6 00	“ Nathan A.,	28 40
“ Andrew N.,	28 00	“ Augustus, (heirs)	8 00
Bohannon, Walter,	2 00	Driscoll, Jeremiah,	34 80

Draper, Mrs. H. O.,	13 00	Putnam, Jacob,	136 70
Edson, Willis H.,	13 00	Peabody, Luther,	18 30
French, Albert,	2 00	“ Ai O.,	2 00
Flint, Abel,	16 00	Proctor, Henry A.,	4 00
“ Alvin B.,	5 50	Sheldon, James,	136 00
“ John R.,	2 00	“ S. J.,	4 00
Hartshorn, A. J.,	5 50	Townsend, Albert C.,	71 00
Hichey, John B.,	36 80	Wilkerson, Flora J.,	4 00
Jones, Wm. C.,	2 50	“ Herbert,	41 60
McCarty, Michael,	30 70	Wheeler, John F.,	5 00
“ John,	2 00		

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Boynton & Frye,	5 00	Preston, Mrs. S. A.,	22 50
Batchelder, Geo.,	2 00	Lakin, Wm. G.,	84 00
Hartshorn, Geo.,	130 12	“ “ A.,	4 50
“ “ M.,	107 40	Ryan, Edmund,	43 80
Herrick, Larkin,	56 30	“ Wm. H.,	4 00
Kimball, S. L.,	140 50	Woodward, A. C.,	13 60
McGregor, J. A.,	108 00		

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Abbott, A. & E.,	\$23 00	Blood, Frank,	2 00
Ayers, James, (heirs)	3 00	“ Levi H.,	24 00
Avery, Sanford N.,	9 00	Boynton, G. W.,	54 50
“ Geo. F.,	2 00	Bellows, C. H.,	30 80
Ayers, Edwin,	2 00	Barnes, Wm. H.,	30 50
Ames, Henry,	2 00	“ Fred,	2 00
Avery, James,	2 00	Barker, T.,	22 00
Bruce, R. S.,	2 00	“ A. O.,	10 50
Burns, C. H.,	94 00	Balcomb, John,	2 00
Bank,	66 00	Baldwin, Julia A.,	18 40
Bales, E. & E. E.,	81 50	Bugbee, F. E.,	8 00
“ Chas. A.,	60 60	Baker, John,	13 70
“ & Putnam,	10 00	Ball, Rodney,	2 00
Burt, C. B.,	48 80	Center, S. N.,	183 00
“ C. A.,	2 00	“ “ “ & Son,	84 00
Beard, Luke, (heirs)	181 00	Clark, Warner,	32 50
“ Horace,	18 50	“ Asa B.,	72 80
“ Albert,	3 20	“ Moses,	103 32
Blanchard, Sumner,	26 00	Cram, Thomas B.,	71 00
“ Geo.,	2 00	Cain, Martin,	19 40
Blood, George H.,	26 00	“ Andrew,	2 00

Cooley, Tom,	2 00	French, Mrs. Samuel,	18 00
Curtis, Israel,	27 00	Follansbee, P. O.,	2 00
“ Mrs. W. W.,	54 00	Ford, L.,	2 00
“ H. C.,	2 00	Foley, Michael,	17 00
“ W. W.,	4 00	Foster, W. B.,	10 00
“ Chas.,	4 00	French, F. B.,	6 00
“ Eli,	4 40	George, Austin, (heirs)	2 00
Childs, Mrs. Naham,		Griffin, Michael,	14 00
(heirs)	87 00	Gregg, David, (heirs)	130 00
Clifford, John,	11 00	Gray, T.,	2 00
Carter, Geo. A.,	20 80	Gage, John,	24 00
“ Thomas,	2 00	Gowdy, Samuel,	16 00
Cooley, James,	2 00	Goddard, John,	2 00
Carmichael, David,	18 00	Harris, H.,	2 00
Center, Samuel,	2 00	Holt, C. H.,	14 20
Dascomb, E. W.,	2 00	“ Mrs. C. H.,	27 60
Daniels, Geo. L.,	10 00	Hutchinson, F. S.,	64 80
Duncklee, Wm. P.,	32 00	“ E. A.,	2 00
Dascomb, Geo. L.,	2 00	“ L. F.,	18 00
“ James R.,	11 00	“ Daniel F.,	7 00
“ C. B.,	56 00	“ F. C.,	2 00
“ E. P.,	28 00	“ S.,	2 00
“ C. B. & E. P.,	37 20	“ I. N.,	2 00
Defoe, Lewis,	20 60	“ O. B.,	2 00
Dawson, James,	2 00	Hesselton, Sumner,	52 00
Dascomb, Mrs. C. B.,	6 00	“ N.,	2 00
Dunbar, S. H.,	158 00	Hopkins, W. H.,	4 00
Eaton, H.,	2 00	“ H. W.,	4 00
“ Samuel,	2 00	“ G. H.,	2 00
Emmett, Rob.,	3 00	“ & French,	6 00
Emerson, C. A. & H. L.,	7 00	Hardy, James L.,	48 00
“ Wm.,	84 00	Howard, Mrs. Abiah,	25 00
“ Chas. A.,	16 00	“ George,	4 00
“ H. L.,	6 30	Hurd, Mrs. Jeremiah,	32 00
“ S. B. & H. L.,	14 00	Haggett, Joseph,	24 30
Flint & Gray,	10 00	Harrison, I.,	2 00
Foster, N. D.,	67 00	Heath, Newell,	27 60
“ Wm. H.,	22 00	Ham, C. H.,	12 00
“ S. K.,	42 00	Hatch, Dr. G. W.,	5 70
“ Isaac N.,	24 00	Hadley, Mrs. M. A.,	42 00
Frye, J. & J. H.,	50 50	Hoyt, Moses,	2 00
Flint, Nathan,	24 00	Hurley, John,	2 00
“ S. K.,	16 00	Ingalls, W. C.,	6 00
“ J. Q.,	6 00	“ O. G.,	24 00
Fessenden, E. A.,	20 00	Jaques, A. E., (P. M.),	28 00
“ George C.,	2 00	Jones, Warren,	62 00
Fleeman, Dr. Josiah,	316 00	“ Lucy,	20 00

Jones, Harriet C.,	30 50	Putnam, Mrs. Samuel,	36 00
Keenan, David,	20 00	“ A. J.,	50 00
Kidder, Edward,	12 36	“ Mrs. A. J.,	5 00
“ T B., (heirs)	5 00	“ Artemas,	2 00
“ C.,	2 00	“ W. P.,	40 00
“ John B.,	26 00	“ Elijah,	29 00
Kent., F. P.,	73 50	“ P. H.,	2 00
Kelley, James,	8 00	“ Levi,	99 50
“ P.,	2 00	“ Mrs. Levi,	2 00
Kenniston, W. S.,	2 00	“ J. H.,	5 00
Kennedy, Michael,	10 40	“ J. C.,	2 00
Killkelley, T.,	19 40	“ Samuel,	157 00
Liberty, Dennis,	2 00	Peacock, Augustus,	5 00
Lincoln, Rev. I. S.,	20 00	“ Roxana,	22 00
Lovejoy, F. W.,	2 00	Peavey, Dr. F. M.,	92 00
“ David,	30 00	Pettengill, Hermon,	90 00
Lewis, Calvin H.,	41 40	“ Mrs. Leonard,	16 00
Lynch, John H.,	46 00	“ H. E.,	2 00
“ Edward, (heirs)	28 00	“ Wm.,	2 00
Langdell, Joseph,	76 00	Perkins, E. F.,	52 50
Lane, Mrs. D. C.,	22 00	“ L. W.,	17 30
Lund, M. F.,	35 00	Preble Geo. B.,	24 00
Landers, James,	2 00	Proctor, David E.,	89 00
Leath, Wm.,	2 00	Pritnam, C. E.,	2 00
Lord, H. K.,	2 00	Quinn, John,	28 00
Morse, N. Jr.,	2 00	Quade, Lorenzo,	4 00
Martin, James,	2 36	Ramsey, A. A.,	320 00
“ Mrs. James,	3 00	Rideout, Mrs. Wm. E.,	48 00
McCarty, C.,	8 00	Raymond, C. A.,	20 00
Moore, Chas.,	47 80	Riney, Timothy,	20 00
McKay, J. S.,	33 50	“ Michael,	19 00
Mahoney, M.,	18 00	Russell, Henry J.,	33 00
“ D. & P.,	28 00	“ O. P.,	15 00
Merriam, A. E.,	2 00	Robbins, O. J.,	2 00
Nichols & Moore,	1 00	Randall, Chas.,	2 50
Neville, George S.,	70 00	Smith, J. F.,	4 00
Newell, Joseph, (heirs)	127 40	“ A. H.,	4 00
Nutting, L. J.,	2 00	Stickney, H. H.,	8 00
“ A. J.,	2 00	Spalding, Stephen,	2 00
“ L. B.,	2 00	Shea, Jerry,	26 60
Nelson, L. J.,	2 00	“ Michael,	12 00
O'Donnell, John,	19 20	“ Patrick,	15 00
O'Neil, D.,	2 00	“ James,	2 00
Place, G.,	2 00	Stearns, Wm. D.,	30 00
Parker, Mrs. Wm.,	52 00	Sheldon, Mrs. Uzziel,	46 00
*Putnam, Wm. H.,	4 00	“ J. R.,	20 00

Sheldon, J. A.,	9 00	Winn, George,	2 00
Smith, C. B.,	7 00	Wood, Amos, (heirs)	18 00
Spalding, Mrs. Samuel,	141 20	Wilkins, Ira,	20 00
“ Samuel,	2 00	White, Mrs. Wm.,	30 00
Sumner, Dallas,	2 00	Woodman, E. G.,	172 00
Stephens, David,	21 20	Ward, Thomas C.,	24 00
Stanlon, M. P.,	15 00	Ware, George,	5 00
Scanlon, David,	4 00	Wallace, George W.,	35 00
Shattuck, Harry,	4 00	Whiting, Harvey A.,	178 00
“ E. H.,	5 00	“ Geo. O.,	136 40
Sumner, M.,	2 00	“ D. & Sons,	665 30
Temple, George T.,	19 00	“ Isaac S.,	62 00
Trevitt, Dr. Henry,	26 00	Wilton Varn Co.	210 00
Tigh, John,	2 00	Warner, Daniel,	4 00
“ Andrew,	2 00	“ G. W.,	4 00
Tarbell, C. L.,	4 90	Cady, Levi,	2 00
Tingley, Lewis,	18 00	“ Dennis,	2 00
Tyler, Andrew,	20 00	Adams, A. H.,	2 00
“ Rev. A. E.,	2 70	Varley, Ed	2 00
Tenney, Frank,	2 00	Warner, Chas.	5 25
Twiss, Rev. J. J.,	2 00	Qualters, Michael	2 00
Tower, Dr. Geo. A.,	5 50	Tigh, Lawrence,	2 00
Young, Fred,	2 00	Gleason, J. U.,	2 00
Varley, Patrick,	22 00	Kelly, Patrick,	2 00
“ John R.,	2 00		

DISTRICT No. 5.

Abbott, Z. & A. D.,	134 00	Clark, A. A.,	24 10
“ Wm.,	25 00	“ F. W.,	2 00
“ Nelson,	2 00	Barber, F. E.,	2 00
“ Harris,	93 50	Forsaith, Chas.,	74 10
“ M. L.,	2 00	Goldsmith, Samuel,	21 80
“ A. D. & Russell,	10 00	“ C. S.,	5 00
“ E. N.,	40 46	“ Asa,	4 20
“ A. D.,	14 30	Gage, Pierce,	58 80
“ Walter H.,	3 20	“ A. H.,	6 00
“ Zebediah,	5 80	Hurly, T. H.,	20 00
“ W. L.,	13 50	Searles, J. A.,	12 00
Craig, Obediah,	2 00	Spalding, E. H.,	72 20

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Abbott, Hermon, (heirs,)	77 00	Barrett, Geo.,	53 24
“ W. H.,	2 00	“ W. E.,	4 00
“ I. P.,	3 00	Badger, A. P.,	20 20

Cram, David,	208 72	Keyes, Geo. H.,	97 70
“ F. B.,	4 00	Melendy, A. B.,	72 00
Dutton, Hannah,	20 00	“ A. A.,	2 00
Hurley, J. M.,	70 40	McGregor, Wm. K.,	38 00
* Lane, John,	55 80	Steele, A. W.,	2 00
* “ Daniel,	4 00	Stowe, Rufus,	2 00

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Batchelder, C. M.,	74 50	Hillsborough County,	259 10
Bragg, John,	32 80	Stiles, J. W.,	119 60
Dascomb, Joseph,	26 90	“ C. A.,	6 50
Hunkins, Wm. B.,	6 00	Webber, J. S.,	2 00
Hopkins, Hermon,	29 10		

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Bragg, Henry,	2 00	Ring, H. P.,	2 00
Carkin, Mrs. J. D.,	14 70	Reede, W. W.,	21 70
Frye, H. T. H.,	9 00	“ Frank,	2 00
“ Abiel,	1 30	Sargent, H. O.,	20 00
“ R. J.,	8 00	Sawtell, C.,	16 00
“ Mrs. Abiel,	18 00	Sheldon, Wm.,	64 00
Fletcher, B.,	5 00	“ A. W.,	2 00
Giddings, Isaac,	79 00	Smith, Joseph,	2 50
Holt, Warren,	51 00	“ Allen,	32 00
Holt, E. W.,	27 80	“ S. W.,	51 00
“ A. N.,	21 80	“ James, (heirs)	4 00
“ J. H.,	50 50	“ R. A.,	10 00
“ J. A.,	2 00	“ John,	2 00
“ C. D.,	2 50	Thompson, H. W.,	8 00
Keyes, J. W.,	21 90	Tufts, Roxana,	4 00
May, Geo. D.,	34 00	Tarbell, Geo. W.,	4 00
“ Mrs., C. C.,	40 00	“ L. A.,	50 60
Ring, P.,	33 50	Walton, T., (heirs)	4 00

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Amsden, Polly M.,	1 00	Chandler, J. P.,	35 50
Abbott, Arthur,	2 00	“ S. B.,	23 30
Baldwin, Charlotte,	8 00	Daniels, Mrs. G. W.,	
Bailey, F.,	33 20	(heirs)	20 00
Blanchard, F. C.,	3 60	Eaton, Rufus,	2 00
Carlton, Calvin,	35 20	French, Burleigh,	8 00
“ Albert,	49 00	“ Acel,	2 00

Fowler, Geo. S.,	42 00	Mansar, G. R.,	27 60
Frye, H. F.,	75 50	McCarty, Margaret,	7 00
“ J. F.,	22 50	Loyd, Robert,	10 00
“ E. D.,	16 00	Perkins, Mary A.,	12 00
“ H. W.,	4 00	Parkhurst, Mrs. G.,	12 00
Gray, H. & J. E.,	72 70	Patterson, Wm. N.,	4 80
“ H. N.,	106 00	“ W. N. & Co.,	6 00
“ Warren,	2 00	Rideout, Jacob, (heirs)	31 70
“ C. N.,	4 00	“ Joshua,	60 00
“ W. H.,	2 00	“ Geo. A.,	10 00
Hutchinson, James M.,	45 40	Stanley, E. C.,	10 00
“ John,	11 00	“ H. M.,	3 00
Hesselton, Abel,	41 80	“ Ed.,	2 00
“ J. & C.,	34 50	Spalding, C. C.,	178 80
“ Chas.,	8 00	Thurston, N., (heirs)	16 00
“ Joel,	30 00	Whitney, Mrs. L. H.,	4 00
Holt, Mrs. Joseph,	16 00	“ C. O.,	2 00
Johnson, E. A.,	2 00	Webb, John T.,	19 60
Melendy, J. M.,	50 80	Wood, J. E.,	18 00

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Pollard, John,	\$60 00	Perham, L. W.,	89 56
Perham, J. H.,	33 70	Wilson, Polly,	10 00

NON-RESIDENT TAX.

Livermore, S. K.,	\$70 00	Barrett, Samuel,	46 00
“ A. A.,	20 00	Clark, Oliver,	40 60
Kimball, Mrs. J. F.,	18 00	Epps, H. D.,	24 00
Putnam, Wm. J.,	40	Hutchinson, I. B.,	11 00
Newell, Mrs. Henry,	36 00	Putnam, H.,	32 00
George, Paul. (heirs,)	9 00	Sylvester, H., (heirs)	18 00
Greene, G. W., (heirs,)	16 00	Whittemore, Geo. J.,	7 00
Holt, Lorenzo,	2 00	Rodgers, E. & E.,	10 00
Marvell, John,	3 00	Hillsborough Mills,	9 00
Hopkins, B.,	10 00	Trevitt, John,	54 00
Howard, Mrs. C.,	12 00	Hopkins, Albert,	1 50
“ H. C.,	1 20	Dearborn, T. B., (heirs,)	6 00
Whittemore, Amos,	4 00	Dillon, T. H.,	13 00
Spalding, J. A.,	9 00	Gregg, D. A.,	28 00
Bragg, James,	6 00	Taft, James,	2 00
Woodward, P., (heirs,)	7 00	Russell, J. & J.,	40 00
Odell, Luther,	22 00	“ James,	6 00
Adams, D. A.,	26 00	“ J. & Jason,	16 00

Russell, Jason,	13 00	Holt, Freeman,	19 00
Taft, Geo.,	5 00	Souhegan Falls Mills,	120 00
Fessenden & Son,	3 00	Milford Savings Bank,	3 00
Benedict, John,	13 00	Graves, J. G.,	23 00
Abbott, F. & J. F.,	8 00	Holt, Perham,	8 00
Gutterson, Joel,	34 00	Curtis, Asher,	4 00
Colburn, Jewett,	8 00	Tarbell, V. W.,	3 60
Stearns, Wm.,	16 00	Putnam, J. A.,	18 00
Melendy, Chas.,	18 00	Perham, Otis,	6 00
Kendall, Joseph,	11 00	“ Rodney,	7 00

*Invisible tax paid by the selectmen.

Engineers Report.

Schedule of Fire Apparatus belonging to the Town of Wilton.

One fire pump and three hydrants, all in good working order and ready at a moment's notice to do service.

Engine House at East Wilton which contains the following fire apparatus : Engine No. 1 with hose carriage complete, with 4 buckets, 2 axes, 1 spade, 1 iron bar, 1 ice chisel, 26 feet of suction hose, 400 feet leather leading hose, 450 feet cotton rubber lined hose, 3 discharge pipes, 1 blunderbuss, 3 rubber coats, 16 spanners and belts, with 40 men.

The Engine House has the following fixtures : One stove and boiler for engine room, 6 lanterns, 5 bracket lamps, 3 ladders, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ —26 and 30 feet, 2 fire hooks and fixtures, 2 cans, 1 oil can, 2 water pails. &c., 1 cottage stove for hall, 10 settees, 1 chandelier with 4 lamps, 1 stand lamp, 1 table, 2 chairs, 1 pump and sink.

AT FRENCH VILLAGE.

Engine No. 2 with hose carriage complete, with two buckets, 2 axes, 1 shovel, 1 iron bar, 24 feet of suction hose, 400 feet of cotton rubber lined leading hose, 100 feet leather hose, 1 discharge pipe, 1 blunderbuss, 14 spanners, 8 belts, 3 wrenches, 3 rubber coats, with 27 men.

The Engine House has the following fixtures : One stove and pipe, 1 boiler, 2 oil cans, jug, 1 oiler, 1 pail, 1 broom, 3 ladders, 17—20 and 30 feet, 2 fire hooks and fixtures, 6 lanterns, 1 stove and pipe for hall, 9 settees, 3 chairs, 1 table.

Both Engines and Fire Pump are, in our opinion, in perfect condition, and ready at any time to do service. The hose and all other fire apparatus is also in good condition.

DAVID WHITING,
JOEL HESSELTON,
GEO. W. BOYNTON,
GEO. W. WALLACE,
DAVID E. PROCTOR,

Board of Fire Engineers of the Town of Wilton.

SEXTONS REPORT

OF THE

DEATHS AND INTERMENTS,

FOR THE YEAR, 1881.

- January 3, Julia S. Burt, aged 28 and 7 months. Died in Milford, N. H.
- January 4, Luke Chandler, aged 74 years and 10 months.
- January 7, Hannah B. Ray, aged 74 years and 6 months.
- January 15, Edith French Smith, aged 4 years and 2 months. Died in Cambridge, Mass.
- January 30, Jacob Rideout, aged 65 years and 10 months.
- February 12, Bertha Ellsworth Harris, aged 3 months and 20 days.
- February 15, Hattie J. Gregg, aged 41 years. Died in Nashua, N. H.
- February 17, Joseph Newell, aged 87 years. Buried in Mount Auburn, Mass.
- February 24, Martha N. Reed, aged 52 years and 20 days.
- March 7, Mary Baldwin, aged 8 years, 6 months and 27 days.
- March 9, Dorcas P. Sheldon, aged 80 years.
- April 3, Elvira G. French, aged 72 years and 3 months.
- April 16, Joanna S. Hutchinson, aged 44 years and 7 months.
- April 23, Rufus Burns, aged 88 years.
- April 23, Geo. W. Gould, aged 35 years and 8 months.
- April 27, Elmer Gilson, aged 30 years, 10 months and 25 days. Died in Hartford, Conn.
- May 29, Patrick Varley, aged 69 years. Buried in Amherst, N. H.
- June 15, Delarah V. Webb, aged 44 years.
- June 16, Mary Pritnam, aged 99 years and 2 months. Died in Dexter, Me.
- June 25, Willis A. Carkin, aged 19 years and 2 months. Died in Springfield, Vt.,
- July 25, Henry E. Abbott, aged 10 years and 10 months. Buried in Cambridge, Mass.
- August 8, Louisa A. Fessenden, aged 11 months.
- September 22, Mabel E. Frye, aged 5 months and 10 days.
- September 24, Timothy Riney, aged 71 years. Buried in Amherst, N. H.
- September 26, Allen Smith, aged 66 years.
- October 21, Chas. B. Burt, aged 58 years and 9 months.
- November 18, Anna Burns, aged 87 years.
- December 9, Howard F. Hutchinson, aged 8 months and 7 days. Died in Somerville, Mass.
- December 11, Warren E. Austin, aged 68 years and 7 months.
- December 48, Maranda Whitney, aged 61 years, 2 months and 17 days.
- December 30, Abiel A. Putnam, aged 80 years. Died in Milford, N. H.

Deaths in Wilton in the year 1881, - 23.

Aggregate age, 1213 years, 4 months and 4 days.

Average age, 52 years, 9 months and 1 day.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC BLANCHARD, } Sextons.
WM. H. BARNES, }

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.



DISTRICT NO. 1.

John Baldwin, Prudential Committee.

Miss Julia A. Stevens, teacher.

Length of first term nine weeks ; number of scholars, 24 ; average attendance, 22.2 ; percentage, .95 ; instances of tardiness, 6. Wages of teacher, \$24.00.

The second term was taught by Miss Gertrude D. Kilbourne. Length of term, ten and one-half weeks ; number of scholars, 28 ; average attendance, 23.9 ; percentage .95 ; instances of tardiness 32. Wages of teacher, \$28.00.

Third term taught by Miss Mary Crosby. Length of term ten weeks ; number of scholars, 28 ; instances of tardiness, 2. Wages of teacher, \$36.00.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Wm. A. Burton, Prudential Committee.

Miss Nellie M. Hardy, teacher.

Length of first term, ten weeks ; number of scholars, 17 ; average attendance, 14.7 ; percentage, .86 ; instances of tardiness, 30. Wages of teacher, \$22.00.

Length of second term, twelve weeks ; number of scholars, 16 ; average attendance, 13.6 ; percentage, .92 ; instances of tardiness, 23. Wages of teacher, \$28.00.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

S. L. Kimball, Prudential Committee.

Miss Marietta F. Ramsdell, teacher.

Length of term three weeks and one day ; number of scholars 4 ; average attendance, 3.6 ; percentage, 1 ; no. instances of tardiness. Wages of teacher, \$20.00.

The remaining two terms were taught by Miss Bertha L. Blood. Length of first term, ten weeks ; number of pupils, 7 ; average attendance, 6.3 ; percentage, 6 3 ; instances of tardiness, 6. Wages of teacher, \$20.00.

Length of third term, twelve weeks ; number of pupils, 8 ; average attendance, 7.5 ; percentage, 7.5 ; instances of tardiness, 2. Wages of teacher, \$20.00

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Albert Beard, Prudential Committee.

In each department there have been three terms, the first of which, was 10 weeks in length, the second, 11 weeks, and the third 12 weeks, making an aggregate of 33 weeks in each department.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. Miss Martha A. Putnam, teacher. First term, number of pupils, 40 ; average attendance, 35 ; percentage, .94 ; instances of tardiness, 6. Wages of teacher, \$30.00.

Second term, number of pupils, 46 ; average attendance, 41 , percentage, .95 ; instances of tardiness, 15. Wages of teacher ; \$30.00.

Third term, number of pupils, 47 ; average attendance, 40 ; percentage, 90 ; instances of tardiness, 38. Wages of teacher, \$30.00.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT. The first term was taught by Miss Anna E. Frye. Number of pupils, 30 ; average attendance, 27.5 ; percentage, .96 ; instances of tardiness, 11. Wages of teacher, \$30 00.

The remaining two terms were taught by Miss Jennie F. White. Second term, number of pupils, 33 ; average attendance, 29.15 ; percentage, .95 ; instances of tardiness, 13. Wages of teacher, \$30.00.

Third term, number of pupils, 36 ; average attendance, 29.29 ; percentage, .94 ; instances of tardiness, 17. Wages of teacher, \$30.00.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Miss Myrta M. Jones, teacher. First term, number of pupils 38 ; average attendance, 35 ; percentage, .97 ; instances of tardiness, 33. Wages of teacher, \$30.00.

Second term, number of pupils, 33 ; average attendance, 30.6 ; percentage, 1.07 ; instances of tardiness, 13. Wages of teacher, \$30.00.

Third term, number of pupils, 32 ; average attendance, 30.48 ; percentage, .95 ; instances of tardiness, 53. Wages of teacher, \$30.00.

HIGH SCHOOL. The first two terms were taught by Miss M. A. Follansbee.

First term, number of scholars, 28 ; average attendance, 24.8 ; percentage, .92 ; instances of tardiness, 21. Wages of teacher, \$32.00.

Second term, number of pupils, 34 ; average attendance, 30.5 ; percentage, .95 ; instances of tardiness, 23. Wages of teacher, \$32.00.

Mr. L. J. Tuck, teacher for the third term. Number of pupils, 37 ; average attendance, 35.5 ; percentage, .94 ; instances of tardiness, 64. Wages of teacher, \$40.00.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

A. Dwight Abbott, Prudential Committee.

Miss Clara A. Curtis, teacher for the first term. Length of term, eight weeks : number of pupils, 14 ; average attendance, 13.6 ; percentage, .99 ; instances of tardiness, 5. Wages of teacher per month, exclusive of board, \$16.00.

The remaining two terms were taught by Miss Ida F. Avery.

Length of second term, six weeks : number of pupils, 10 ; average attendance, 10 ; percentage, 100 ; no instances of tardiness. Wages of teacher, \$32.00.

Length of third term, eleven weeks ; number of pupils, 11 ; average attendance, 10.6 ; percentage, 97.2 ; no instances of tardiness. Wages of teacher, \$32.00.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

George H. Keyes, Prudential Committee.

Miss Emma C. Cram, teacher. Length of first term, seven weeks ; number of pupils, 3 ; average attendance, 3 ; percentage 100. Wages of teacher, \$16.00.

Miss Hannah J. Herlihy, teacher for the second term ; length of term, eleven weeks ; number of pupils, 4 ; average attendance, 4 ; percentage, 100. Wages of teacher, \$20.00.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

George M. Batchelder, Prudential Committee.

Miss Agnes M. Lash, teacher. Length of term, twelve weeks ; number of pupils, 6 ; average attendance, 5.5 ; percentage .98 ; no instances of tardiness. Wages of teacher, \$24.00.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

H. T. H. Frye, Prudential Committee.

Miss Myrta C. Ring, teacher. Length of first term, eight weeks ; number of pupils, 20 ; average attendance, 18 ; percentage, .96 ; instances of tardiness, 2. Wages of teacher, \$24.00.

Length of second term, ten and one-half weeks ; number of pupils, 23 ; average attendance 20.5 ; percentage, .93 ; instances of tardiness, 4. Wages of teacher, \$24.00.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Ansel French, Prudential Committee.

Miss Mary E. Russell, teacher.

Length of first term, eight weeks ; number of scholars, 17 ; average attendance, 16.2 ; percentage, .98 ; instances of tardiness, 2. Wages of teacher, \$27.00.

Length of second term nine weeks ; number of scholars, 18 ; average attendance, 17.3 ; percentage, .96 ; no instances of tardiness. Wages of teacher, \$27 00.

The third term was taught by Miss Mary R. Merrill. Length of term nine weeks ; number of scholars, 20 ; average attendance, 18.4 ; percentage, .92 ; no instances of tardiness. Wages of teacher, \$28.00.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

L. Woodbury Perham, Prudential Committee.

Miss Lizzie R. Kidder, teacher for the first term.

Length of term, five weeks ; number of pupils, 5 ; average attendance, 5 ; percentage, 100. Wages of teacher \$16.00.

Miss Clara H. Blood, teacher for the second term. Length of term, five weeks ; number of pupils, 7 ; average attendance 6.9 ; percentage, .99 Wages of teacher, \$20.00.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS

NEITHER ABSENT OR TARDY.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Two terms. Marion Whitney, Myrtie Holt, George Russell, Arthur Russell, George Carlton.

One term. Lewis Baldwin, Harvey Emery, Lillian E. Davison, Isaac Blanchard, Leon Foster.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Two terms. Maud French, Bertha French, May Hartshorn.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Two terms. Fannie Kimball, Hattie Herrick.

One Term. Bessie Herrick. Alice Foster.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

PRIMARY SCHOOL. Three terms. Nellie Kelly, Parker Avery.

Two terms. Hattie Foster, Kittie Kent, Charlie Carter, Patsey Kennedy.

One term. Abbie Burnham, Maggie Kelly, Grace Sumner, Ida Winn, James Kennedy, Arthur Temple, Hellen Tarbell, Alice Ward, Leon Dawson, Thomas Killkelly, Bessie Shattuck, Sherwood Avery, Arthur Shattuck, Charlie Whiting, Freddie Young.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL. Three terms. Dannie Kelley, Charlie McKay, Dora Bales.

Two terms. Michael Kennedy, Frankie McCarthy, Lillie Dawson, Mary Proctor, Mary Kelly, Alice O'Donnell, Bertha Lund.

One term. Bennie Burns, Harvey Carter, Willis Godette, Fred Godette, Jerry Shea, Nellie Mahoney, Nellie Putnam, Mary Mellen.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Three terms. John McKay, Addie McKay.

Two terms. Scott Foster, Hattie Sumner, Maude Harrison.

One term. Rosa Barry, Hannah Barry, Lizzie Curtis, Samantha Crockett, Bessie Kent, Lulie Sumner, Ada Perham, Mary O'Donnell, Blanche Burns, Mary Kennedy, Chester Bales, Sam Blanchard, Willie Emerson.

HIGH SCHOOL. Three terms. George S. McKay, Joseph Herlihy, Mabelle Emerson, Alice Clark.

One term. Allen Barker, Warren Foster, Frank Lund, Frank Proctor, Albert Ham, George Blanchard, Mabel Putnam.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Three terms, Florence Abbott, Hattie Clark, Abbie Clark, Jas. Hurley, Charlie Abbott.

Two terms. Mabel Clark, Harry Clark, Perley Abbott, J. Henry Hurley.

One term. Angie Parkhurst, Henry Whitney.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Two terms. Katie Herlihy, Henry Herlihy, Willie Herlihy.

One term. Charlie Herlihy.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

One term. Charles Batchelder, Willie Batchelder, Albert Batchelder, Addie Burton.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Two terms. Florence Ring, Gertrude Ring, Fred Smith, Edwin Keyes, S. Archie Smith, Joseph Keyes.

One term. Nellie Clark, Jennie May, Mary May, Ada R. Keyes, Susie Keyes.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Three terms. Lottie A. French, Lizzie B. Patterson.

Two terms. Jennie Frye, Owen Chandler, Ethel J. Bailey, Nora Chandler.

One term. Flora Hutchinson, Carrie Hutchinson, Amy Patterson, Gertrude Chandler, Lizzie Spalding, Etta Chandler, Putnam Patterson, Henry Whitney, James Whitney, Franklin Hooper, Edward Hesselton.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Two terms. Fannie Perham, Polly Perham, Lizzie Perham.

One term. S. Ada Perham, May Perham, Rosa Perham, Fred Perham, Frank Perham.

REMARKS.

It is the glory of our common School system, that its privileges are freely open to all classes of children of suitable age, without regard to distinctions that prevail, and are heeded elsewhere. Here, no nationality, nor any religious sect, nor political party, shall exclude any other. This kind of school, is broad as humanity, and it offers its educational aids to all who will come and use them. Natives and foreigners, here should meet on terms of equality. Not nationality, but *personal, moral and intellectual qualifications* for the office of teacher, should *alone* be considered, in selecting a teacher.

The intermingling of native and foreign elements in this school, are well fitted to illustrate the grand doctrine of Human Brotherhood, and help fit the young to become good neighbors and good citizens, in obedience to the Golden Rule.

The prosperity of our schools depends much upon the intelligence and the fidelity of Prudential Committees, especially in districts where the number of scholars is large,—as in No. 4. Without casting any reflections on other officials of this kind, we feel it to be highly proper to say, that the Prudential Committee of No. 4, Mr. Albert Beard, is worthy of high commendation for the deep interest he has exhibited in his efforts to make the several school-rooms, and their surroundings pleasant and comfortable.

Some very annoying relics of barbarism, he has promptly removed, and brought into their place, what greatly tends to health, to good morals, and a higher civilization.

One school room in this Dist. has been entirely renovated and newly furnished. New furniture has also been put into the school house in Dist. No. 1, which is a great improvement.

While we would encourage a variety of innocent amusements, which may contribute to health and enjoyment, and which leave an increasing relish for close study, we must express our *decided disapproval* of *card* playing at school. Nothing that has the least approach to gambling, in any form, should be allowed a place in any system of education.

The habit of exact *truth-telling* should be encouraged in all our schools, and the opposite habit of lying, be strongly rebuked and discouraged. Lying is the sin of sins ; often employed to conceal other forms of wrong. The Apostle Paul says “The Cretans are always liars.” But unfortunately, this mean vice was not confined to that ancient, foreign people. History in this respect repeats itself ; thus liars have not entirely disappeared from our schools. This sin breeds only mischief in our schools ; it creates, and spreads false and pernicious opinions among teachers and scholars, and in the districts where it prevails ; and makes not a few bitter enemies, who otherwise would be good friends.

From all that we can learn from reliable sources, the teachers in our schools have labored with commendable zeal to do their duty, and the scholars have quite generally improved their opportunities for acquiring useful knowledge, and the formation and culture of good habits. No serious difficulties have arisen between teachers and scholars, demanding our official adjustment. Gossip, there may have been in all districts, more or less, as usual ; because

“people will talk,” and claim the right to form and express an opinion about a great variety of matters, whether they have any real form of truth on which to found them or not. So school matters need not expect to escape this prevalent custom. Still the friends of education need not be greatly alarmed, for, as has been well remarked, “Time, which blabs out all things, will blab out the truth by and by.”

So let us take courage, for under the perfect government of God,—the all-wise, powerful, and loving Father, the *true* and the *right* are sure to *win* at last.

Respectfully submitted,

I. SUMNER LINCOLN,
MRS. I. S. LINCOLN,

Superintendents of Schools in Wilton.

Wilton, Feb. 21, 1882.

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